

EDUCATION CENTER

1. **The Army Continuing Education System (ACES)** Army Education Center at Camp Zama provides a variety of educational opportunities to enhance the quality of life for personnel in the Camp Zama community. Courses are available that will provide for personal growth, career development and other educational needs. Testing programs enhance the ability of military and civilian students to achieve degrees faster, and the Army Personnel Testing Program offers the full range of tests required for Soldiers.

All academic institutions that offer education programs at Camp Zama are fully accredited. The type and numbers of programs offered are contingent upon Needs Assessments conducted by the Education Center and central Asia-wide contracts administered by the Air Force in Hawaii. There are three academic institutions offering degree programs at Camp Zama. They are:

Central Texas College (CTC). CTC has Certificate Programs, and Associate Degrees in General Studies, Criminal Justice and Early Childhood Development.

University of Maryland University College (UMUC) UMUC has Certificate Programs, Associate Degree Programs and Baccalaureate Degree Programs. Majors are available in a wide range of subject areas. Distance learning courses from three UMUC campus locations are also available. Classes are offered on base during the evening and on Saturdays 5 terms each calendar year. All colleges and universities at Camp Zama are members of the Service members Opportunity Colleges (SOC) Program.

The University of Phoenix offers Graduate Degree Programs at Camp Zama. A Masters of Management and Masters of Management-Human Resource Management are available. There are also online graduate degrees available at the Asia contract prices in the Masters of Management International, and Masters of Arts in Education (Elementary and Secondary). The courses are usually 3 to 8 weeks long with 6 weeks being the normal length for Management courses. New cohort groups begin 4 times a year or students can attend online any time.

In addition to college classes, the Education Center offers Functional Academic Skills Training (FAST) for Soldiers who need to improve their basic academic skills or for those who wish to retest and improve their Army GT score. All personnel who come to Camp Zama will have an opportunity to attend a specially designed Japanese Headstart course which is a one week, 40 hour program to teach geography, culture, and language.

Education counselors are available to assist individuals in the development of an education program that will meet their educational, professional and personal needs. Counseling includes degree planning, tuition assistance information, career counseling, veterans' educational benefits, course selection, pre-separation counseling, and testing programs.

Military personnel who are unable to attend evening college classes may select from a large number of Distance Learning institutions.

The college level testing programs are sponsored through the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) at no cost to active duty personnel. However, civilian

employees and Family Members must pay a fee for each test. There are many other testing programs available such as Excelsior College Examinations, career interest surveys, certification tests, and proctored tests for other colleges and universities.

There are books available in the Army Learning Center for preparation of CLEP and DSST tests. Study materials for Japanese and other foreign languages are also available.

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